

Remarks

Paragraph's 5, 46 and 138 of the specification were amended in response to the Examiner's objection and Paragraph's 52 and 72 were amended to correct typographical errors. Figures 1B and 2B were amended to include labels for units 116 and 267, respectively.

Claim 1 is currently pending and has been cancelled. Claims 2-20 have been added. No new matter has been added. Applicants assert that new claims 2-20 are in a condition for allowance. Applicants request that these new amendments be entered for examination and further request that prosecution on the merits proceed thereafter.

Objections to the specification

Paragraph 5 has been amended to change the reference to "Figure 1" to "Figure 1A" and also addresses drawing objection 3(A)(1). Paragraph 46 has been amended to change "Figure" to "Figure 28". Paragraph 138 has been amended to remove the redundant period. As such, the objections should now be withdrawn. The detailed description for Figure 2B required under 37 CFR §1.74 and the subject of Examiner's objection 4(A)(3) exists in paragraph [0052] and should require no amendment. As such, all objections to the specifications should now be withdrawn.

Objection to the drawings

Figures 1B has been amended to include a label for unit 116 as required by the Examiner's objection 3(A)(2) and Figure 2B has been amended to include a label for unit 267 that was also noted to be missing. As such, all objections to the drawings should now be withdrawn.

112 Rejections

Claims 1 stand rejected under 35 USC §112 as failing to distinctly pointing out and describing the claimed invention. Claim 1 has been cancelled. As such, all rejections under §112 should be withdrawn.

101 Rejection

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC §101 as constituting unpatentable subject matter. Claim 1 has been cancelled. The new claims were added to more clearly recite a tangible and concrete result. As such, all rejections under §101 should be withdrawn.

102 Rejection

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Stover (US Patent 4,287,593) or Nakamura (US Patent 5,790,558). Claim 1 has been cancelled. As such, all rejections based on claim 1 under §102 should be withdrawn.

Claims 2-20 have been added and include recitations not disclosed by the cited references and not originally considered by the Examiner. As an example, claim 2 recites, in part, applying the one or more sets of defined and ad hoc error processing rules to the plurality of defective billing records to correct the billing records.

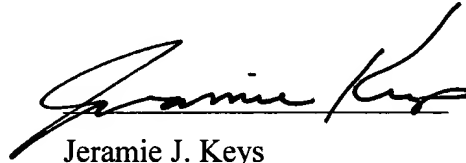
Conclusion

Applicants have cancelled claim 1 and added new claims 2-20. Applicants assert that the application including the specification, drawings and new claims 2-20 is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination in view of the amendment and remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees are believed due beyond a one month extension of time. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

Respectfully submitted,

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